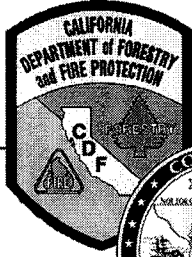


**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT County Fire		(2) MEETING DATE June 6, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Rick Giubbini (805) 543-4244	
(4) SUBJECT Request to apply for a grant from the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, (VFA)					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST County Fire request permission to apply for grant funding from the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to purchase 21 new Portable Radios at a cost of \$20,000.00. County Fire will be required to make a 50% funds match (\$10,000) toward the purchase of these radios which will come out of existing funds designated for this purpose. This grant, if approved, will not become effective until the 2006/2007 fiscal year.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve County Fire's request to apply for a grant from the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to purchase portable radios.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Volunteer Fire Assistance Program		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST 0		(9) ANNUAL COST 0	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): California Department of Forestry administers the grant program. Information Technology Department will approve the equipment specifications.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____			(21) W-9 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>ok Vanf...</i>					

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CDF/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: MATT JENKINS, FIRE CHIEF

DATE: JUNE 6, 2006

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE VOLUNTEER
FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PORTABLE RADIOS.**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve County Fire's request to apply for a grant from the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to purchase portable radios.

Discussion

CDF/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department request permission to apply for grant funding from the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to purchase 21 new Portable HT Radios at a cost of \$20,000.00

Other Agency Involvement / Impacts

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Financial Considerations

This grant requires a 50% match (\$10,000) of County funds which will be taken from existing funds currently dedicated to purchase these types of items. By accepting this grant, County Fire will be able to purchase twice the number of replacement radios than originally budgeted for and thereby reduce future expenditures required for these items. It is expected that this grant will not be effective until the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

Revenues will be accepted into acct. #4200170 (State Aid-other) with a corresponding adjustment to acct. #5050415 (significant value purchase).

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Results

The acquisition of 21 Portable HT Radios will provide emergency communications for firefighters at Nipomo, Mesa, Paso Robles and Meridian Stations. This additional communications capability will provide increased safety to firefighting personnel as well as maintaining essential coordination at emergency incidents which will increase our ability to assist the public. Purchase of the additional radios made available by grant monies will allow us to reduce our future purchases of these items out of general fund dollars.

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